

Giant cable companies should not be permitted to grow larger. Further consolidation in the cable industry is a clear violation of horizontal ownership rules that must be re-established to serve the public interest.

The concentration of power and control over distribution of media is a growing problem in this country. Though we have more channels available than ever before, they are under the operation of a handful of giant corporations.

If Comcast and Time Warner are allowed to merge with Adelphia, the two companies will control nearly 50 percent of the national market. This level of concentration in the cable industry will lead to higher consumer rates and

lower quality
service.

Since passage of the
Telecommunications
Act of 1996 and the
“deregulation” of
cable, consumers
have seen their
rates jump an
average of 59
percent — with some
areas experiencing
even more dramatic
increases.

We are required to
buy channels we
don’t want or need
because the cable
operators bundle
them together. The
quality of customer
service often
reflects the fact
that cable
television is not a
competitive market.

Meanwhile, the cost
of cable modem
service remains out
of reach for many
households, holding
constant for years
and selectively
underserving rural
and low-income
Americans. The

American people are watching the digital divide widen even as the need for access to high-speed networks increases.

Cable companies have become less responsive to the needs and requirements of communities. The quality of public accountability in local franchise agreements has declined, as big companies leverage their power to squeeze local governments.

In many communities, the truly independent sources of local news, information and culture come from the public channels produced at the local access centers.

Unfortunately, local channels lack the resources to produce the programming that citizens want and need.

The last thing we need is to reward the anti-competitive actions of cable giants by permitting greater consolidation in ownership, reducing competition, and encouraging more of the same.

I hate my choices of packages with my Dish TV or other cable companies; If I had my choice I would have about 30 channels of what I want and I would suggest that there is an ADULT PACKAGE that included all sexual movies & adult theme programs like Queer as Folk and the Lword or Sex in the city, no matter which movie channel offers these kinds of programs that show in the daytime/anytime for children to access as well as adults like me who do not wish to view these kinds of programs.

I will be watching
a great movie, about
a murder or some
great escape plot..
then all of a sudden
I am faced with a
full blown sexual
act that has nothing
to do with the film
itself. I change
the channel. I know
we have that power,
but we do not have
the power to know
that we are going to
have to view other
people having sex in
the middle of a
otherwise great
flim.

I viewed the
series Queer as Folk
only to see full
blown male
homosexual sex to
the point of orgasm.
I was blown away.
I just did not need
to see that! yes I
changed the channel
but this time I
wanted to see how
far they would go ..
and this program
went all the way.
It was horrible to
view, nor would I

want to view
straight people
having full blown
sex either.

I find it odd
since the Bush
Administration has
been in charge of
our country that
more of these kinds
of programs have hit
our airwaves, it
makes me think it is
being done on
purpose so we the
people like me get
so fed up we demand
that all sexual acts
along with swearing,
even ones that are
innocently done..
say they kiss then
hug a bit and then
we see clouds moving
swiftly and then
back to the couple
who are laying in
bed after the fact..
we know what they
did, but we did not
have to see it.
that is ok by me in
this kind of
film...but not the way
it is today.

yet what does this
FCC do? they attack
BIG BIRD and

children\'s
programs. there are
not enough words to
express my outrage
against these people
who control what we
see and what we are
allowed to know
world wide news
wise.

shame on them and
shame on me for even
having cable so I
can watch The
Discovery and the
Learning programs or
films on Sundance.
what a shame it is
in a free country.

I truly believe we
are now living in
the dictatorship
that GWB said he
wished we were_ so
it would be easier
for him to work.
Yes I believe we are
now under some kind
of Martial law and
the FCC plays a big
part in this crime
againsts the very
Constitution itself.
Propaganda is not
news ! The Cable
Industry owes the
American people for

use of the airwaves
that belong to each
and everyone of us.

It would be nice
not to be gouged &
then programmed by
them as well.

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